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UNHEADING A COKE DRUM

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## NOTICE OF CONCURRENT PROCEEDINGS/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.565(a)

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Dear Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b)(1), the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A which contains a list of all potentially-relevant documents from the litigation activity involving U.S. Patent Nos. 6.565.714 and 6.964.727 since the last such submission.

As was set forth previously, Applicant's related patents, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,565,714 and 6,964,727 have been the subject in part of two litigation proceedings, one of which is currently pending, as follows:

Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation v. Z&J Technologies GMBH & Zimmermann

& Jansen, Inc., Case No. 2:06-ev-02402-SJO-JTL in the Central District of California, filed April 19, 2006. The other litigation proceeding has terminated, and no new documents associated with that proceeding are submitted herewith.

This submission is made to comply with Applicant's continuing responsibility under 37 C.F.R. 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity in the above-identified concurrent proceedings.

This submission does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as "prior art" against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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